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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this amendment thereby extending the due date for the response from February 19, 2003 to May 19, 2003.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 4, line through page 7, line 35 to read as follows:

E' "The present invention provides a method of detecting a target PS128 polynucleotide in a test sample which comprises contacting the test sample with at least one PS128-specific polynucleotide and detecting the presence of the target PS128 polynucleotide in the test sample. The PS128-specific polynucleotide has at least 50% identity with a polynucleotide selected from the